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SUBJECT: DOWNPOUR DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 174541

1. A FEW DAYS AGO, THERE WAS AN UNUSUALLY HEAVY MONSOON-LIKE DOWNPOUR THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES SURROUNDING KABUL. SUBSEQUENT MEDIA REPORTS INDICATE THAT UPWARDS OF 120 PEOPLE PERISHED, AND THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HOMES AND LIVESTOCK WERE SWEEPED AWAY IN THE FLOODING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT IF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS NOT ALREADY SENT ITS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (REFTEL) TO THE AFGHAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY, IT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER INCLUDING LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAS ADDENED TO HEAR OF THE RECENT HEAVY RAINS AND SUBSEQUENT FLOODING THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES AROUND AFGHANISTAN'S CAPITAL CITY OF KABUL. THE DEPLORABLE LOSS OF LIFE, AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND LIVESTOCK, IS A TERRIBLE PERSONAL AND NATIONAL DISASTER. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE AMERICAN RED
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CROSS EXTENDS ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON THIS TRAGIC OCCASION".

3. FYI: WE ARE AWAITING THE DRA'S DECISION TO DECLARE A DISASTER IN ORDER TO OFFER RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S DISCRE-

TIONARY AUTHORITY. END FYI.
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